

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 43890-407

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of:

U.S. Patent No. 5,764,622

Serial No.: 08/652,053

Issued: June 9, 1998

Inventor: Ichiro KAWAMURA et al.

For: RECORDING MEDIUM CARTRIDGE AND
SIGNAL RECORDING APPARATUS

Group Art Unit: 2754

Examiner: D. OMETZ

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a)Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We declare:

THE INVENTORS

1. That we, Ichiro Kawamura, Ryoichi Imanaka and Yoshikazu Goto reside at the addresses listed below, and declare that we are citizens of Japan; that we are employed by Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. of Osaka Japan; that Matsushita is the Assignee of the entire interest of the above-identified patent; that at the time the application for the above-identified Patent was filed we were engaged in the design of recording mediums as described in United States Letters Patent No. 5,764,622 ("original patent"), that we do not know and do not

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believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States before our invention; and that we are the declarants, applicants and patentees, referred to hereinafter.

2. That we believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, by reason of our claiming less than we had a right to claim.

3. That we believe that the error regarding our narrow claiming of the invention arose inadvertently and without deceptive intent.

4. In accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 119, we claim the benefit of a foreign filing date on the basis of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 7-123420 and 8-122948, filed on May 23, 1995 and May 17, 1996, respectively. A certified copy of each priority document was filed in the parent application that issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,764,622.

5. That we hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified reissue application, including the addition of newly added claims 6-17.

6. That we acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of the application for the above-identified reissue application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States

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Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUEHon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned, by authority vested in him by Matsushita Electric Industrial, Co., Ltd., assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified Letters Patent, the invention described therein, and in any reissue thereof by assignment recorded at Reel 8081, Frame 278, hereby assents on behalf of the assignee to the accompanying reissue application.

I hereby declare that I have been empowered with the authority to consent to the above-identified reissue application and sign this document on behalf of Matsushita Electric Industrial, Co. LTD.

Date: April 17, 2000

Title: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Osamu Yamazaki
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OFFER TO SURRENDER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.178Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned Applicants of the accompanying application for reissue of U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,764,622 for "RECORDING MEDIUM CARTRIDGE AND SIGNAL RECORDING APPARATUS", granted on June 9, 1998, of which Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. is now the sole owner by Assignment and, on whose behalf and with whose assent the

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accompanying application is made, hereby offer to surrender said U.S. Patent.

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